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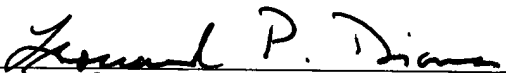
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is provided in the English abstracts attached to those documents, and in the case of Japanese Laid-Open Patents Nos. JP 3-149600 and JP 7-219591 also in corresponding U.S. Patents 5,220,629 and 5,577,164, respectively.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		5,220,629	6/15/93	Kosaka et al.	381	52	
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	JP	8-102808	4/16/96	Japan	H04N	1/00	Abstract
	JP	9-258943	10/3/97	Japan	G06F	3/14	Abstract
	JP	3-149600	6/26/91	Japan	G10L	5/04	Abstract & Corresp. to USP 5,220,629
	JP	7-219591	8/18/95	Japan	G10L	3/00	Abstract & Corresp. to USP 5,577,164
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